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This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Original) An apparatus for use in creating a family of elevator bucket configurations, each family having at least one dimension in common; with each bucket configuration within each family having at least one dimension which varies from other bucket configurations within the family; the apparatus comprising a mold base having a bucket interior forming portion and a bucket exterior forming portion, the bucket exterior forming portion having a cavity therein configured to be larger than the largest desired bucket configuration within the family and having an outer core oriented therein which is configured to be smaller than the smallest desired bucket configuration within the family; the bucket interior forming portion having a cavity therein which is smaller than the cavity in the exterior forming portion and also having an interior core oriented therein which is configured to be smaller than the smallest desired bucket configuration within the family; the outer core having one surface which aligns with an opposing surface of the inner core but being spaced a predetermined distance therefrom; the apparatus further including a plurality of pairs of outer surface inserts with each pair of inserts engaging about the outer core and extending along a height of the core to define an

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exterior surface of a bucket of a desired dimensional configuration, each pair of outer surface inserts being of differing dimensions corresponding to a particular desired outer configuration for one bucket of the family; and a plurality of pairs of inner surface inserts with each pair of inserts engaging about the inner core and extending along a height of the core to define an interior surface of a bucket of desired dimensional configuration, each pair of inner surface inserts being of differing dimension corresponding to a particular desired inner configuration for one bucket of the family, each inner surface insert having at least one surface which aligns with an opposing surface of a corresponding outer surface insert and being spaced a predetermined distance therefrom.

2. (Canceled)

3. (Canceled)